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Elmer Hackford, left, Maxie Chapoose and Brett Hendricks believe "mixed-blood" Utes deserve reinstatement in the tribe.

Mixed-Blood Indians Seek Reinstatement in Ute Tribe

By Nancy Hobbs
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ROOSEVELT — Brett Hendricks remembers being called a "little chocolate drop" by elementary school teachers on the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the 1930s.

His dark skin, dark eyes and jet-black hair were a badge that he was a descendant of the Uintah band of American Indians.

In the 1930s, the Uintah band joined the White River and Uncompahgre bands to form the Ute Tribe.

But since 1954, Mr. Hendricks no longer is considered an American Indian.

The 67-year-old retired mechanic is one of 490 people who were deemed "mixed bloods" — Indian and white — and consequently removed from Ute tribal rolls in 1954.

All but a handful of those removed from the tribe's rolls were Uintah Band descendants.

Now, almost 40 years since Congress approved the Ute "termination," several factions of the "mixed bloods" are denouncing the government's action as a "racial holocaust." These groups challenge the legality of the termination and want reinstatement in the Ute tribe, or federal recognition as a separate tribe.

Stuart Pike, chairman of the Ute Tribal Council, has been approached in person or by letter by several of the groups, but refused to comment on anything related to the mixed-blood issue. Other members of the council were unavailable for comment.

The Utah termination came in an era when the U.S. policy was designed to assimilate American Indians into the mainstream culture.

Utah Sen. Arthur V. Watkins, chairman of the Senate subcommittee on Indian affairs, ar-

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Second Thoughts Haunt Corradini

Considering Scandal, Mayor Would Not Have Sought Office

By Chris Jorgensen
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Deedee Corradini has second thoughts about ever having run for mayor.

It's not just the millions of dollars she and her husband lost in the collapse of Bonneville Pacific, or the $450,000 in cash the couple must pay to settle with the bankrupt company's creditors.

Her political misgivings have more to do with public scrutiny. The unflattering gossip and relentless news-media attention, she said, have been like getting beaten up every day.

"I would have been a footnote in this whole thing had I not been mayor," she said. "If I had ever dreamed anything like this would go on, I would have never run for mayor in the first place."

Despite the controversy, Ms. Corradini stoically and efficiently has carried on her duties as mayor, say her staff members and even a few of her critics. She even has hinted at running for a second term.

Jim Davis is the city's director of housing and economic development and has almost daily contact with the mayor.

"Most people in public life would have whined and cried and rehearsed their troubles with anyone who would listen," he said. "I have never once heard her bring up the subject of Bonneville in that way."

In fact, the mayor has more to show for her 19 months in office than most mayors have in a full four-year term, he said. Ms. Corradini has increased the city's low-income housing, balanced the budget, organized the construction of a new baseball stadium, started a recycling program, appointed women to two top offices in City Hall and restructured what had been a poorly run police department.

Those accomplishments, said Brigham Young University political-science teacher Bud Scruggs, point to her "enormous strength of character."

In the past, Mr. Scruggs has been candid in saying he hasn't thought much of the mayor or her political abilities.

"The press conference she called last year to explain her involvement with Bonneville was disastrous," he said. "Whatever damage was done then, though, has been made up by her performance."

The mayor's connection to Bonneville Pacific is far from over as the federal criminal investigation continues. While it's unlikely she will be charged, she may be called as a witness.

Concerning her dealings with Bonneville, Ms. Corradini said she now wishes she had asked more questions, but insists she did not knowingly do wrong.

The settlement, she added, is not an admission of guilt or liability.

According to Duane Gillman, a Salt Lake City bankruptcy attorney who has acted as trustee in more than 8,000 cases, settling

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Gulf War Vet Fighting For His Life

Brain Disorder Baffles Utahn's VA Doctors

By Laurie Sullivan
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

It is an effort for Greg Jones just to speak. The thought processes are jumbled by the disease ravaging what should be a healthy 23-year-old's brain.

The Tabiona man, who once broke wild horses and tooled around Duchesne County in his pickup, was diagnosed in March with progressive encephalopathy, irreversible deterioration of the brain.

It has destroyed many memories and motor functions, but not his awareness that something is dreadfully wrong.

"I don't know what it is," he managed with a raspy whisper during a visit at the Olympus Care Center in Salt Lake City. "I have no idea. It just makes me mad. I wish I could get rid of it."

He won't. But that is just part of the agony for the family.

Greg's mother and stepfather, Karla and Levaughn Gines, sent their eldest child to the Persian Gulf War with the Army; he didn't return the same.

Mrs. Gines is convinced something happened to her son in Saudi Arabia. But as with the hundreds of other Persian Gulf veterans now reporting an array of illnesses, the government has not determined a cause and effect.

The Gines family believes the government let them down more insidiously in the way Greg's case was handled by the Salt Lake VA.

"We still don't know what caused Greg's illness and maybe we never will," said Mrs. Gines. "At this point it really doesn't matter because it won't give us back the young man we sent to the Army Feb. 9, 1989."

Veterans Affairs officials concede that. They also acknowledge

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Karla Gines, above left, says son Greg Jones contracted an illness in Persian Gulf. A healthy Mr. Jones, below, went off to war in 1990.

being stumped by Greg's problem long after his first appearance at the VA Medical Center in May 1992.

It took 10 months for a diagnosis, and then it came from a physician at the University of Utah, Mrs. Gines said. And it took nine months for the VA to determine a service-connected disability of 30%.

The hospital launched an internal review of the case, and the regional Veterans Affairs office raised Greg's disability status to 100% after Mrs. Gines went public with her son's plight this week.

The increase from $247 to $2,200 a month now will pay for his nursing-home care.

The VA had been paying his medical bills as day after day Greg went to the hospital and underwent tests. But there was little communication with family members. Doctors changed on a regular basis, the family said.

One VA psychologist claimed Greg didn't qualify for any help. He just needed mom to let him grow up, Mrs. Gines said.

Greg continued to deteriorate. By March 6, the ex-corporal and communication specialist trained to jump out of planes was catatonic, relieving himself on the floor or in his bed. He had to be fed.

By then, he had been to the U. of U., Holy Cross and Primary Children's hospitals. The VA says it made the referrals; Mrs. Gines said the family went on its own.

When his condition was determined in March, it still left more questions than answers. Encephalopathy is a broad term, like saying someone has a sick heart.

Mrs. Gines said doctors ex-

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Stewart Ordered Back to Court Over Rental

By Chris Jorgensen
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Mike Stewart says the charges against him for operating a run-down low-income rental home in Salt Lake City are based on "a big misunderstanding."

The former three-term Salt Lake County commissioner is Utah's director of Human Services and administers the state's programs for the poor.

He pleaded innocent last week in 3rd Circuit Court to five misdemeanors related to a home he owns at 1639 S. Jefferson. He was ordered to appear in court again Monday for a pretrial conference before Judge Shelia McCleve.

Mike Stewart, ex-S.L. County commissioner.

"I thought I had adequately dealt with the problems and apparently the city did not agree," Mr. Stewart said Saturday.

According to the charges, the home's roof sags, the floors slope, wiring is exposed, windows are broken, the foundation is crumbling and the back yard is filled with weeds and rubbish.

In fact, the home was in such disrepair the city was forced to evict a family of four.

Mr. Stewart said the house is more than 100 years old and that the problems listed by the city would cost more than $25,000 to repair.

"I don't think the house warrants that kind of expense," he said.

That's no excuse, responded city officials.

"The Vatican is old," said city building inspector Patricia Peterson. "Just because a building is old doesn't mean you can run it into the ground."

City officials first inspected the home in November after a rubbish fire in the back yard.

Mr. Stewart agreed with the city not to rent out the home until significant repairs were made. He said he spent more than $5,000 for a new furnace, new carpet and paint and hired a carpenter to fix the roof and floors.

But when he asked the city to reinspect the home, Ms. Peterson was on her honeymoon and unavailable, said Mr. Stewart.

"So I rented it out," he said. "I wouldn't have if I had thought it didn't meet with what is reasonable."

While haggling with the city over repairs, Mr. Stewart said he let the family stay three months rent free and paid their moving expenses.

He said he probably will donate the home to Habitat for Humanity.

Arts-Tax Foes Probed Top Backers to 'Find Any Dirt'

By Tony Semerad
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Foes of an arts tax in Salt Lake County investigated four leading tax supporters during the election last spring in hopes of finding embarrassing information.

The probes by the Committee Against Tax Subsidies for the Rich targeted Paul Chummers, then director of Utah Symphony; Ken Hill, president of Ballet West; and two other leaders in the unsuccessful pro-tax campaign, Ken Knight and Anthony Rampton.

Committee chairman and Salt Lake City attorney Robert Breeze confirmed Friday he authorized the personal background investigations in May to "see if we could find any dirt."

"The bottom line is that everybody checks everybody on everything," Mr. Breeze said. "All good lawyers do background checks on their opponents. It's not illegal."

The committee made up of Mr. Breeze and his legal associates did not use the information it found. "They all came back super clean," Mr. Breeze said, "just real men of integrity."

Nonetheless, several of those investigated said they were shocked by the tactic.

"Astounding," said Mr. Chummers, who resigned his post on Thursday over the symphony's financial problems. "It might be appropriate if one of us were running for public office, but not on this."

Mr. Hill called the background checks "unfortunate. I wouldn't think anyone would go to those lengths in what was a community effort."

Said Mr. Rampton, son of former Utah Gov. Calvin Rampton: "I guess anything goes these days."

The Salt Lake County vote was the first in Utah on the one-tenth of 1% sales-tax hike to aid cultural, botanical and zoological groups.

The Committee Against Tax Subsidies for the Rich was one of several groups to oppose the tax. County voters overwhelmingly rejected the hike in a 17% turnout that set a new county record for special elections.

Regardless of what the committee's background checks might have found, Mr. Rampton asked, "why would that information have any bearing on the measure before the public?"

According to Mr. Breeze, the investigations were conducted by a private detective on his staff and focused on financial dealings, but also included scrutiny of personal matters.

A $200 payment to the investigator was reported on campaign disclosure forms filed with the Salt Lake County clerk.

"We were looking for free tickets, kickbacks, corruption and that sort of thing," said Mr. Breeze. "It was more or less seeking out enemies and competitors to see if they could lead us to anything."

Mr. Hill said he worried that use of such tactics might hurt the democratic process.

"People would have to think twice about getting out front on issues and getting involved in supporting their community if this kind of thing became commonplace," he said. "It creates some concern."

UTAH QUOTES

"I isolated myself like Moses did. I had a real nice time going one-on-one with God."
— George Patrick Lee, former Mormon general authority who spent four months alone in the desert after he was excommunicated in 1989. Mr. Lee was charged last week with sexually abusing a 12-year-old girl.

"I wasn't having fun out there; it's not my fault they couldn't find me. I wish they would have. I know they tried. I never said they didn't try.
— Todd Ambrosini, 24, Chicago, after spending four days getting out of the desert and being greeted by a doubting sheriff when he did.

"I regret that, despite good plans and intentions, we never could wipe out the deficit. Year after year we had great plans to sell more tickets and raise more money, but that was too much optimism for a community that isn't that large. You can't make money grow on trees."
— Utah Symphony Executive Director Paul R. Chummers, upon resigning last week.

"It [religion] helps a man get right with himself, and the chapel gives him a place to go to find peace. It is hell in prison. The only thing that is any hope for us here is in the church programs."
— Donald W. York, who is serving time at the Utah State Prison, about plans for a new prison chapel.

"I value diversity. I need to live in a society that values diversity. You would think the university would be the one safe place for that."
— Martha Sonntag Bradley, just-resigned professor at BYU and author of a new book about a 1953 government raid on a Utah polygamous community.

"Personally, as much as I love this game, if that situation happened to me, I'd quit playing. If you don't quit it seems like you're rolling the dice with your life."
— Stephen Howard of the Utah Jazz on Boston Celtics star Reggie Lewis, who died after collapsing during a light workout. He had been advised by one doctor to quit playing.

Air Force Finds No Fault With Crash Landing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah — The pilot of the F-16 that crashed along Interstate-84 near South Weber in October acted properly when he aimed the jet toward a vacant field, Air Force investigators have concluded.

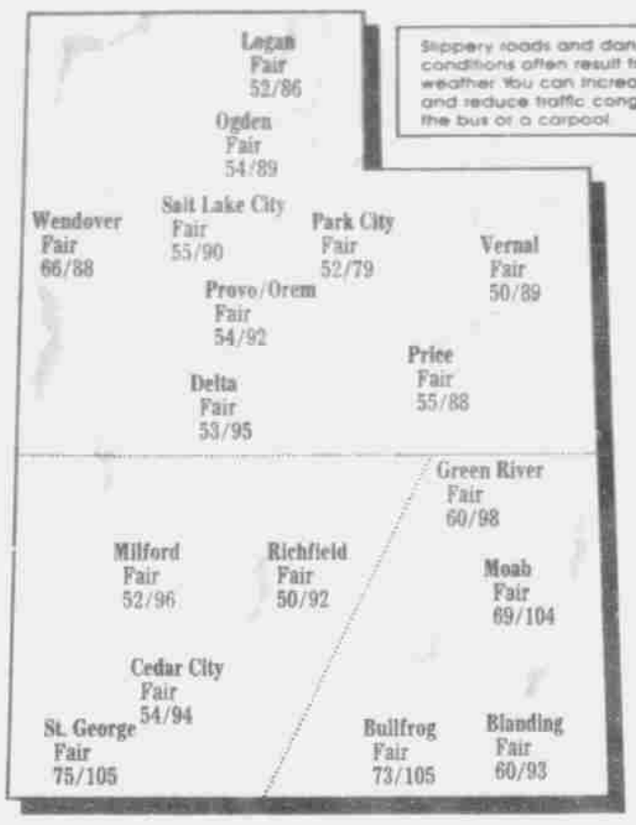
The cause of the Fighting Falcon's engine failure was a crushed and twisted fuel screen in the engine, the investigators concluded.

Capt. Gary Deschane, the pilot, was hailed as a hero by area officials when he aimed his failing jet toward a vacant field then ejected moments before the crash Oct. 30. He was trying to avoid houses in the area.

"The pilot completed all critical action procedures recommended in the flight manual pertaining to this emergency situation," concluded Lt. Col. Scott K. Flood, investigating officer.

WEATHER REPORT

The August 1 Report Compiled by Verdo Thomas



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NORTHERN UTAH TODAY

Clear skies will accompany sunny, warm conditions throughout northern Utah today with the situation staying generally dry in the valleys as anticipated for the next week or so. Mountain weather will also be on the dry side. The mercury's likely to hit around 90 in Salt Lake County and 89 for Ogden with Provo having the highest reading at 92. Logan, Park City tie with lows of 52.

SOUTHERN UTAH TODAY

Southern Utah won't be short on sunshine today and a dry trend promises to keep things ideal for outdoor activities in low and high lands with clear skies and toasty temperatures in abundance. St. George will sizzle the most at 105, followed by Milford's high of 96 and Cedar City's 94. Lowest readings will be 52 for Milford, 54 in Cedar City.

LUNAR PHASES

July 25 First Quarter · July 29 Waxing Gibbous · August 1 Full Moon · August 6 Waning Gibbous

WASATCH FRONT 5-DAY FORECAST

Want monotony? Those who welcome it can certainly expect a lot of it along Wasatch Front — and in higher elevations as well — during the next five days. Sun, sun, and more sun will drench that portion of the state and conditions will remain mostly dry with clear skies and an emerging warming trend as the week wears on.

	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.
high	90	88	90s	90s	90s
low	55	57	60s	60s	60s

SOUTHWEST 5-DAY FORECAST

The meteorological assessment for Utah's Dixie looks hot with extremely high temperatures — by comparison with the rest of the state — clear skies and plenty of sunshine. Summer has finally arrived down in the southwest and little change is expected to occur during the next several days with clear, hot days and clear, cool nights.

	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.
high	105	104	100s	100s	100s
low	75	73	70s	70s	70s

SOUTHEAST 5-DAY FORECAST

Sultry is an apt description of weather conditions anticipated for southeast Utah through Thursday with sweltering nights as well. But it won't be unpleasant, what with clear skies and more sunshine than one could possibly desire. With a high of 104 today — one degree less that St. George's — things could only get hotter.

	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.
high	104	103	100s	100s	100s
low	69	68	70s	70s	70s

DAILY ALMANAC

Precipitation	0.00
Precipitation this month	1.38
Accumulative deficit	+0.57
Precipitation since Oct. 1, 1992	18.56
Accumulative excess	+0.57
Utah high	107 at St. George
Utah low	39 at Randolph
Normal high/low for this date	93/65 degrees
Record high for this date	102 degrees in 1990
Record low for this date	45 degrees in 1950
Sunrise/Sunset today	6:24 A.M./8:44 P.M.

YESTERDAY'S POLLUTION

	Carbon Monoxide	Particulates	Ozone
Salt Lake City			30
S.L. & Davis Co.	22	30	50
Provo	33		
Utah County	11		42
Ogden		20	
Weber County			50

Standards	Today
0 - 50 Good	Salt Lake City, Davis & Weber counties: GOOD
51 - 100 Moderate	Ogden, Provo, S.L. & Utah Counties: GOOD
101 - 200 Unhealthful	
201 - 275 Very Unhealthful	

WORLD

Yesterday	H	L	Summ
Amsterdam	68	52	cldy
Athens	99	73	fair
Auckland	57	50	rain
Bangkok	93	77	cldy
Barbados	80	77	cldy
Barcelona	81	57	cldy
Beijing	84	72	cldy
Beirut	84	72	fair
Belgrade	99	68	fair
Berlin	70	54	rain
Bermuda	87	78	fair
Bogota	66	50	fair
Brisbane	73	48	fair
Brussels	68	57	cldy
Budapest	95	63	fair
Buenos Aires	52	39	cldy
Cairo	95	75	fair
Calgary	67	51	fair
Caracas	M	M	M
Copenhagen	68	60	rain
Dhahran	115	90	fair
Dublin	63	54	cldy
Frankfurt	88	59	cldy
Geneva	86	60	cldy
Havana	87	78	cldy
Helsinki	72	47	fair
Hong Kong	86	79	cldy
Istanbul	90	76	fair
Jerusalem	82	64	fair
Johannesbrg	70	36	fair
Kiev	72	59	fair
Lima	M	M	M
Lisbon	82	75	fair
London	66	55	cldy
Madrid	91	61	fair
Manila	84	75	rain
Mexico City	77	55	cldy
Montreal	77	62	fair
Moscow	70	61	cldy
Nairobi	72	54	fair
Nassau	95	78	cldy
New Delhi	100	84	fair
Nicosia	102	68	fair
Oslo	61	57	cldy
Paris	72	54	cldy
Rio	M	M	M
Rome	86	61	fair
San Juan	89	79	fair
Santiago	63	32	cldy
Seoul	84	68	fair
Singapore	90	81	fair
Stockholm	68	59	rain
Sydney	69	55	fair
Taipei	95	77	rain
Tel Aviv	86	75	fair
Tokyo	90	73	fair
Toronto	71	62	fair
Vancouver	68	59	cldy
Vienna	80	68	cldy
Warsaw	79	48	fair

INTERMOUNTAIN

Yesterday	H	L	Prep
UTAH			
Alta	75	49	
Blanding	96	62	
Brigham City	91	55	
Bryce	82	46	
Bullfrog	111	76	
Capitol Reef	M	70	
Cedar City	96	56	
Coalville	88	44	
Delta	95	58	
Duchesne	92	57	
Escalante	M	57	
Fillmore	93	59	
Flaming Grg	M	M	
Green River	M	M	
Hanksville	105	55	
Heber City	92	46	
Helper	95	62	
Joseph	M	M	
Kanab	M	M	
Laketown	80	49	
Logan	86	50	
Manti	99	45	
Milford	97	54	
Moab	103	67	
Monticello	86	52	
Nephi	94	54	
Ogden	93	60	
Orem	96	56	
Park City	81	53	
Price	93	59	
Provo	98	59	
Randolph	77	39	
Richfield	93	49	
Roosevelt	98	48	
Salt Lake	89	61	
Spanish Fork	90	61	
St. George	107	71	
Tooele	87	59	
Vernal	94	54	
Wendover	88	68	
Zion Nat'l P	106	70	
M—Missing	T—Trace		

	H	L	Prep
ARIZONA			
Cyn De Chelly	98	64	
Flagstaff	89	56	
Phoenix	113	86	
Tucson	109	77	
COLORADO			
Boulder	96	69	
Colorado Spgs	93	60	
Denver	99	63	T
Grand Jct	99	65	
IDAHO			
Boise	85	49	
Coeur d'Alene	76	41	
Idaho Falls	82	51	
Lewiston	85	51	
Pocatello	84	55	
Rexburg	80	50	
Twin Falls	85	59	
MONTANA			
Billings	80	59	
Great Falls	76	44	
Helena	78	52	
Kalispell	77	39	
Missoula	80	41	
NEVADA			
Elko	89	40	
Ely	93	41	
Las Vegas	109	78	
Reno	97	55	
NEW MEXICO			
Albuquerque	99	67	
Santa Fe	94	60	
WYOMING			
Casper	95	55	
Cheyenne	93	62	
Evanston	81	49	
Laramie	86	46	
Rock Springs	85	54	
Yellowstone	71	40	

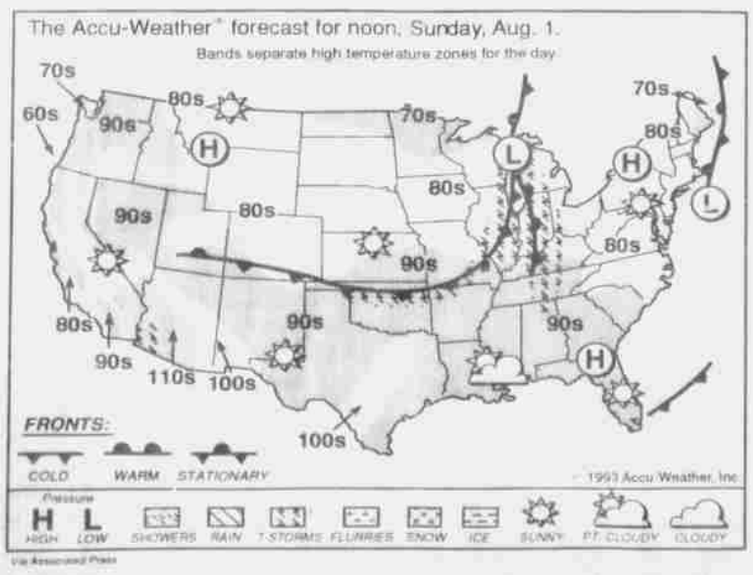
UTAH UPDATES

Wasatch Front Weather—575-7669, 575-7245
Air Quality—533-7239
Highway Conditions—Statewide—(800) 492-2400
River Recreational Forecast—539-1311

POLLEN COUNT

Mold 0 · Trees 0
Weeds Moderate · Grass Moderate

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Aug. 1.
Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



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ELSEWHERE IN U.S.

	Yesterday H	L	Prep	Today H	L	Fcst
Anchorage	77	62		75	55	snny
Atlanta	93	68		90	68	snny
Atlantic City	87	60		80	66	ptcl
Austin	101	76		100	77	ptcl
Birmingham	93	61		94	67	snny
Bismarck	92	58		81	53	ptcl
Boston	86	65		80	67	snny
Buffalo	70	64	.19	77	60	ptcl
Charlotte	90	68		88	65	snny
Chicago	82	61		86	68	ptcl
Cincinnati	83	56		85	64	snny
Cleveland	73	57		81	60	snny
Columbus	77	56		83	61	snny
Concord	85	62	.37	84	60	tstm
Dallas Ft Worth	103	80		103	79	snny
Des Moines	89	73		87	69	tstm
Detroit	80	57		84	65	snny
El Paso	101	76		101	74	snny
Fairbanks	68	53		75	53	ptcl
Fargo	89	66		85	56	ptcl
Grand Rapids	81	53		85	65	snny
Honolulu	88	75		88	74	snny
Houston	99	75	.03	99	76	snny
Indianapolis	82	57		86	65	snny
Kansas City	95	79		93	70	ptcl
Little Rock	97	80		99	75	ptcl
Los Angeles	83	66		86	66	snny
Louisville	86	62		89	69	snny
Memphis	96	75		96	75	snny
Miami	92	77	.28	93	76	tstm
Milwaukee	82	63		84	70	ptcl
Minneapolis	85	72		87	62	tstm
Nashville	88	65		90	68	snny
New Orleans	94	78		96	75	ptcl
New York City	89	68		84	67	ptcl
Oklahoma City	102	72		102	75	ptcl
Omaha	92	78		94	67	ptcl
Orlando	97	77		95	74	ptcl
Philadelphia	86	66		82	66	ptcl
Pittsburgh	68	60	.01	77	57	ptcl
Portland	78	56		85	58	snny
Richmond	93	68		85	63	ptcl
Sacramento	92	60		101	63	snny
St Louis	86	75		91	73	ptcl
San Antonio	100	77		99	72	ptcl
San Diego	76	66		79	70	ptcl
San Francisco	81	64		92	59	snny
Seattle	73	55		77	58	fair
Sioux Falls	90	77		88	60	ptcl
Spokane	70	48		78	54	snny
Tampa	95	83		93	77	ptcl
Washington	90	69		84	67	ptcl
Wichita	101	77		100	74	ptcl

U.S. SUMMARY

Thunderstorms returned to the eastern Plains and upper Mississippi Valley on Saturday, bringing rain, large hail and damaging wind.

Severe thunderstorm watches were posted for sections of central and northern Missouri, west-central Illinois, southeastern Nebraska, and northeastern Kansas.

Flash-flood watches were issued for northeastern Missouri and west-central Illinois.

In South Dakota, wind in thunderstorms gusted to 60 mph at Brookings and to 80 mph near Bryant.

The wind downed trees at Madison and power lines at Flandreau, the National Weather Service said.

In Minnesota, thunderstorm wind gusted to 58 mph at Pipestone, with 60 mph gusts at Redwood Falls, Waseca and Becker, 62 mph at Willmar, and 70 mph at New Market. Scattered wind damage was reported at Evan, Tyler, New Ulm, Kerkhoven, Randolph, Litchfield and Clear Lake.

In Iowa, hail an inch in diameter fell at Atkins.

An early afternoon thunderstorm northwest of Lincoln, Neb., dropped hail the diameter of dimes.

Elsewhere, showers and thunderstorms were scattered over the Texas Gulf Coast, southern Florida and the Northeast.

Heavier rainfall amounts for the six hours up to 2 p.m. EDT included 1.16 inches at Mason City, Iowa; and 0.89 of an inch at Redwood Falls, Minn., and Des Moines, Iowa.

Southerly wind kept the air hot and humid from the eastern Gulf Coast into the central Plains and lower Missouri Valley. Temperatures were near or above 100 across a large part of north-central and northeast Texas, Oklahoma, south-central Kansas, and southern Arkansas.

'Mixed Bloods' Seek Recognition, New Role in Tribe

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gued the termination was an attempt to move Indians into the 20th century: "If we have severed the cord which binds us to the Indians or the Indians to us, we want it completely severed, and not just a little strand left."

But the notion of assimilation — and the termination policy itself — officially was repudiated by President Nixon in 1970.

The president told Congress that "termination is morally and legally unacceptable."

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Different Partition: The U.S. Congress enacted 13 termination laws between 1945 and 1961 resulting in the loss of 1.4 million acres of Indian land and the tribal affiliation of 12,000 people and 109 tribes and bands.

But the Ute mixed bloods were different. They were the only group that was partitioned on a racial basis.

A "full-blood" Ute was one with "half plus one drop" of Indian blood. "Mixed bloods" were individuals with anything less, Mr. Hendricks said.

"With less regard than is given a steer on the auction block, the secretary of the Department of the Interior declared each Ute Indian's breed without confirming his or her pedigree," said Idaho Falls attorney Kent Higgins, who is representing a group of Ute mixed bloods challenging the termination.

In the case of Mr. Hendricks and his siblings, there was some question about their degree of Indian blood.

Their mother was half Ute; their father, who was orphaned and reared by an Anglo family, was listed as "white." But his children knew him to be Indian, perhaps Arapahoe.

"So who knows exactly? Do you know your ancestry?" Mr. Hendricks asked rhetorically.

Some families were split by the division.

Maxie Chapoose, enrolled in the tribe as a full-blooded Ute, saw "blood kin" — including his half-Ute mother — struck from the rolls. His distant cousins Elmer Hackford and Mr. Hendricks also were deemed "non-Indian," Mr. Chapoose said.

"I was in the auditorium when [termination] was brought up for a vote. I walked out the door — me and about four other young guys," he said. It was their Indian way of protesting for the Uintah band — but the U.S. government officials didn't honor native tradition. Their absence left the decision up to the White River and Uncompahgres, who voted to terminate the mixed bloods.

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'Caught in the Middle': "I didn't like it. My mother didn't like it. Nobody liked it, really," Mr. Chapoose said. "It was an erroneous act done for the benefit of a select few at that time."

For many of the members terminated — including more than 200 minors — reservation life and an Indian heritage were all they had known.

"We grew up believing we're Indians. To white people we're still Indians," said Emily Hone of Blackfoot, Idaho. "We're caught in the middle."

Many of those who were terminated say the government's interest in freeing the Indians was really an attempt to steal the Uintah and Ouray Reservation's water.

The people who were terminated were those most opposed to selling the reservation's natural resources, said Twila Poletti, Mr. Hendrick's sister who now lives in Pocatello, Idaho.

Many were members of the Uintah Band, which claims ownership of the land and water dating back to 1861, when President Lincoln signed an executive order granting title to the reservation "in perpetuity."

"They wanted to get rid of us — the so-called mixed bloods — because we were the most vocal and outspoken at that time," Ms. Poletti said. "The water is more valuable than the gas or oil, and we knew it." But it's that old 'divide and conquer.'"

She maintains government manuevering to complete the massive Central Utah Water Project continues to deafen the cries of terminated Utes.

Now different groups are searching for the best remedy.

The Idaho Falls attorney is challenging the termination on constitutional grounds.

Mr. Higgins' case of "Lawanna Tabbee, et. al. vs. The United States of America" is one of dozens of legal arguments currently in the courts or previously tried surrounding the Ute termination issue.

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Legal Tactics at Odds: In the mid-1980s, Salt Lake attorney Kathryn Collard successfully argued that the rights of mixed-blood Utes to hunt and fish on reservation lands were not extinguished with the partition act.

She now is appealing a decision to the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals on an individual's water rights under the act's trust agreement.

But she and Mr. Higgins, and the clients of each attorney, disagree on legal strategies.

Another problem is who speaks for the mixed-blood groups. The state-chartered corporation that manages the remaining assets of the mixed bloods, the Ute Distribution Corp., and the Native Civil Rights Project, each claim to represent the mixed-blood Utes. But individuals discount both groups as lacking widespread support.

The most recent attack against the termination act and call for mixed bloods' rights comes from a group called the Aboriginal Ute Nation.

Kevin Reed, a paralegal with several years' experience in American Indian Religious Freedom issues, is working with another group of mixed bloods to pursue federal recognition for themselves and their descendants through the federal government.

Mr. Reed and California attorney Debra Garlin hope to convince the new head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to restore the terminated Utes.

Ada Deer, Interior's assistant secretary for Indian affairs, is credited with almost single-handedly restoring the Menominee tribe to federal status after its termination.

On Saturday, several of the mixed-blood groups will meet at 1 p.m. at Fort Duchesne's Bottle Hollow Resort to accept the testimony of anyone interested in speaking about the Ute termination.

Mr. Reed plans to videotape the proceedings and claims to have received assurances that officials in the Department of the Interior will view the results.

Gulf War Veteran Finds Himself in A Fight for Life

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plained it as a virus that attacked Greg's brain and nervous system and probably would kill him in six to 24 months. They had no idea where it came from.

One of the most obvious causes is a head injury, but there are infectious origins as well. Some conditions can be treated; others can't, said Dr. Richard Lee, VA Medical Center chief of staff.

Brain biopsies done by the VA showed Greg was normal, and other laboratory tests yielded no answers at all. The VA also consulted with its Los Angeles referral center for Persian Gulf syndrome-related complaints. Physicians there could not improve on the diagnosis, hospital spokesman Wayne Murdock said.

"We feel we have done all we can do. We have utilized all our resources here, the expertise of our staff and the expertise of other facilities. In spite of that, it has not been a good outcome. It's a very difficult and complex case," Mr. Murdock said.

The family said one physician told them a possible cause could have been an immunization Greg received before going overseas — if the vaccine was contaminated.

But nothing like his condition has been seen in any veteran the Utah VA has examined for gulf-syndrome protocols, Mr. Murdock said.

Greg spent August 1990 through April 1991 in the gulf region, the last three months at mobile barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, and occasionally at remote tent camps.

His unit returned to Fort Bragg, N.C., and eight months later he started calling home saying he was sick. Symptoms included ringing in his ears and shaking. On May 8, 1992, he was honorably discharged with a letter saying he should be seen at his local VA for a mild kidney disease.

Mrs. Gines, with two younger children at home, has been in dogged pursuit of answers and benefits for her son ever since, staying focused through her husband's recent heart attack and Greg's repeated pleas to go home.

"At this point in life, Karla thought she would be preparing for grandchildren, not her son's funeral," said Mrs. Gines' sister, Janis Nash. "It's been real hard on her."

A school-bus driver and librarian at Tabiona School, Mrs. Gines, 43, said her son enlisted to help finance a college education.

"Greg completed his obligation honorably. What is the military's obligation? Are they completing it honorably? How many more young men and women are getting this same runaround? How many more are ill?" Mrs. Gines asked.

They may never get answers, but believe other parents might.

"Every mom and dad preparing their son for military service ought to know what's happened with Greg," Mrs. Gines said. "One reason we wanted the story told is so it doesn't happen to another young man."

The other reason was that Greg asked. "Out of the clear blue one day, he said, 'I want to tell my story,'" Mr. Gines said.

Greg offers bits and pieces himself. He recalls that the war didn't last long, and with some prodding remembers snippets of life before the Army. "I used to be a jockey," he said. "I can't do any of it now."

The family is sure he no longer can read, either, but they compiled his story in nine typed pages and gave a copy to the VA.

"We are sorry we had this situation happening," Mr. Murdock said. "We're sorry the patient had to go through multiple diagnoses and attempts at treatment. We're sorry the outcome is as it appears to be. We wish it were different."

Corradini Finds A Rough Road In Mayor's Office

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out of court is common. As many as 50% of the cases he's worked are settled before anything formal is filed.

"Sometimes people just want their day in court and in those cases you just have to duke it out," he said. "But where people are motivated by economics, they are usually eager to settle to save money on attorney's costs."

Paying back creditors will cost Ms. Corradini and her husband their house, their Park City condominium and one-third of the stock they own in a local bank.

She is hardly headed for the homeless shelter, however. As mayor, she still earns more than $68,000 a year and her husband is an attorney. The couple are also part owners of the First Professional Bank.

"We are not wealthy. This has been devastating financially to us," she said. "It is physically impossible for us to pay the money back right now."

Regardless of what happens to her personally, she said she will remain committed to the city and the mayor's office.

"I'm proud of what I've done as mayor," she said. "My hope is people will continue to let me do a good job. I feel good about myself."

S.L. Sheriff Plans Anti-Crime Parties Tuesday

Salt Lake County Sheriff Aaron D. Kennard will be a party animal Tuesday evening.

That night the sheriff will wheel his mobile command post to five neighborhood block parties held in observance of the national "Night Out Against Crime."

The program, in its 10th year, seeks to strengthen ties between neighborhoods and local law-enforcement agencies. Deputy Jim Potter said the gatherings aim to "give neighborhood crime and drugs a going-away party."

Sheriff Kennard's party visits will be combined with flyovers of the sheriff's helicopter.

On Monday, there will also be a kickoff rally at the Capitol grounds from 6 p.m. to dark. That program will feature the Dixon Line band and refreshments, balloons and prizes.

Sheriff Kennard plans to visit these neighborhood block parties: 3790 S. 3145 East; 3676 W. Christy Hill Dr. [5240 South]; 4852 S. Bayport Way [760 West]; 7883 Chadbourne Dr. [3500 East]; and 7500 S. 2700 East [rear of Cottonwood Heights Spa].